

## **First Republic of Korea-U.S. Defense Technology Strategy and Cooperation Group (DTSCG) High-Level Talks Joint Press Release**

The Ministry of National Defense, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, the Department of Defense and the Department of State of the United States of America held the first ROK-U.S. DTSCG high-level talks in Washington, D.C. today, July 26, 2016.

Hwang In-moo, the Vice Minister of National Defense, and Lee Tae-ho, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs, co-chaired the meeting as the heads of the Korean delegation while Ambassador David Shear, performing the duties of the principal deputy undersecretary of defense for policy, and Rose Gottemoeller, the undersecretary of state for arms control and international security affairs, co-chaired the meeting for the United States.

This meeting marks the inaugural DTSCG high-level talks and follows the working-level talks held in March. The DTSCG was established last year during the 47th Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) by the ROK minister of national defense and the U.S. secretary of defense.

The two sides discussed the vital intersection of foreign and national security policy on defense technology cooperation. The ROK delegation delivered briefings on ROK defense technology security policy and defense technology cooperation issues, and the U.S. delegation provided an overview of its conventional arms transfer and regional defense trade policies.

The two sides concurred on the need for regular information-sharing on these issues and decided to continue to utilize the DTSCG to advance policy and strategic discussion on technology security, foreign policy, and defense technology cooperation in support of the ROK-U.S. alliance.

The two sides intend to hold the next DTSCG high-level talks in 2017.